



FEDERATION COUNCIL

Council Meetings

Ordinary meetings of Council are held on the third Tuesday of the Month commencing at 9.30 am.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions regarding gatherings and the need to comply with social distancing measures, Advice from the NSW Office of Local Government is that Council meetings will continue to go ahead by audio-visual link and they should continue to be accessible to the public.

To help ensure we slow the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) within our workforce and the community from the 21st of April 2020 Council Meeting our public gallery will be closed.

Federation Council is pleased to offer LIVE streaming of our monthly Council Meetings on YouTube. This gives residents the opportunity to observe Council business via their computers and mobile devices.

Please visit Council's website and click on the LIVE STREAM link to watch the Ordinary Council Meeting live on YouTube.

The following schedule outlines the 2020 ordinary meetings of Council:

Tuesday 28 July 2020 Corowa Chamber	Tuesday 18 August 2020 Urana Chamber
Tuesday 15 September 2020 Corowa Chamber	Tuesday 20 October 2020 Corowa Chamber
Tuesday 17 November 2020 Urana Chamber	Tuesday 15 December 2020 Corowa Chamber

Council Offices Reopening

Council is pleased to announce that Customer Service Centres in Corowa, Howlong, Mulwala and Urana reopened to the public on Tuesday 9 June.

Library services at all offices, as well as the Service NSW Agency based at Corowa also resumed face to face service delivery on Tuesday 9 June.

While Council offices and library services have reopened, Council is still encouraging residents where possible to use electronic methods to do their Council business.

Residents visiting Council's reopened facilities are asked to respect each other and Council staff by adhering to social distancing guidelines, and to not visit a site if you have cold or flu-like symptoms or have been in contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days. Council would like to also take this opportunity to thank the community for their ongoing support and complement Council staff who have maintained a high level of service delivery throughout the pandemic to date.

For further information, visit Council's website www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

Water Standpipe Relocation

Federation Council wishes to advise that the AVDATA Water Standpipe fill point that was available at the Corowa Works Depot has been relocated to the Corowa Saleyards, next to the wash down bay.

The Corowa Works Depot fill point has been decommissioned and is no longer available for use.

To enquire about obtaining an AVDATA key or arrange for authorisation of your existing key to use the Federation Council facility, please contact our customer service team on (02) 6033 8999.

Further information is available from Council's website www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

Corowa Visitor Information Centre Reopens

Council is pleased to announce that the Corowa Visitor Information Centre reopened to the public on Monday 15th June 2020.

Although we are open to the public, under our former operating hours, (Mon - Fri 9am - 4pm & Sat 10am - 3pm) we have made some modifications to adapt to Covid-19 requirements and restrictions.

We are delighted to welcome you back to the Corowa Region and to our Visitor Information Centre, where there is a wealth of knowledge on key experiences and product offerings of our region. However, we ask that where possible, visitors contact our staff by phone or email, as we will be restricted to having two visitors in the centre at any one time to ensure we meet our Covid Safe plan. We will be practising social distancing and appreciate your support in this.

In addition visit www.visitcorowaregion.com.au to find inspiration for your travels. Stay up to date on the latest Council Service and Facilities changes from Council's website. Safe travels in the Corowa Region.



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If you require any further information or assistance, please contact the NSW Pet Registry at pets@olg.nsw.gov.au and 1300 134 460.

Further information is available from Council's website www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

Annual Permits for non-desexed cats and dangerous/restricted dogs

The NSW Government is introducing annual permits for non-desexed cats and restricted and dangerous dogs as part of its commitment to promoting responsible pet ownership and improving animal welfare standards.

From 1 July 2020 owners of cats not desexed by four months of age will be required to pay an \$80 annual permit in addition to their one-off lifetime pet registration fee.

This will create a stronger incentive to desex cats, which in turn will improve their health and wellbeing, including reducing the risk of some cancers.

Improving desexing rates will also ease the burden on pounds and shelters, reduce euthanasia rates, and help to address concerns about feral, stray and roaming cats and their effect on wildlife.

Exemptions are in place for cats that are registered by 1 July 2020, those kept for breeding purposes by members of recognised breeding bodies, and cats which cannot be de-sexed for medical reasons.

From 1 July 2020 owners of dogs of a restricted breed or formally declared to be dangerous will be required to pay a \$195 annual permit in addition to their one-off lifetime pet registration fee.

This will serve as a further disincentive to owning high-risk dogs and encourage owners to better manage the behaviour of their animal.

From 1 July 2020, pet owners will be able to pay for annual permits using the NSW Pet Registry website or through their local council.

Anyone registering a cat on the NSW Pet Registry will be informed that they must pay for an \$80 annual permit if their animal is not desexed by four months of age. Annual permit fees will go directly to the Companion Animals Fund which pays for companion animal management by local councils including pounds/shelters, ranger services, dog recreation areas, and education and awareness programs.

The fund is also used to operate the NSW Pet Registry and carry out responsible pet ownership initiatives.

Federation Council – Community Bunting Project



Federation Council invites community members to 'send your community a flag' by making a flag or strings of flags that can be used for our community bunting project.

Council will then work with local sewers to sew all the flags together to create a colourful rainbow of festival bunting to be used at local events and celebrations.

Our creative project is suitable for all ages, all abilities and your bunting flags can be made out of almost anything – new or recycled scraps of old fabric, clothes, curtains or even old tents!

Don't have a sewing machine! That is Ok the flags can also be made by hand sewing - just make sure the edges are strong enough to be turned out neatly into a point.

To keep all our triangles the same size we ask that you please download and use the Bunting Template available from Council's website or collect a copy from any Council office.

Once you have completed your flag/s simply, drop off at your closest local Council office by following the "deliver your community flag here" signs:

- Howlong – Howlong Council Office and Library.
- Urana – Urana Council Office.
- Mulwala – Mulwala Council Office and Library.
- Corowa – Corowa Council Office and Civic Centre.

The bunting will then be loaned out free to post-lock-down community events and celebrations. The Community Bunting will be housed at the Corowa Civic Centre and ready for any local community member to use through chatting with Council's Community Development team.

Made by the community, for the community.



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National Volunteer Week

Each year in May, Council celebrates the valuable contribution volunteers make to the community. This year Council was eager to continue tradition and hosted celebrations online, during Volunteer Week 2020.

Federation Council Mayor, Cr Patrick Bourke said this year, Council was excited to introduce our Community Champions: Changing Communities | Changing Lives initiative.

“This year Council recognised not only our volunteers but individuals, neighbours and community groups who have shown compassion, kindness and a helping hand to people in their communities during times of need,” Mayor Bourke said.

“We received 20 nominations and have showcased our Community Champions via Councils Corporate Facebook page as well as through Federation Councils website.

“Many beautiful, encouraging and heart-warming stories were shared with us online and it was great to read the messages of encouragement towards our community champions. The role of volunteers in today’s modern society cannot be underestimated. They play a huge part in the running of our communities, both on a local and national level.”

Council wishes to thank all community members who took the time to nominate their town’s community champion and of course thank each of the nominees. Congratulations to the following nominees who were recognised during Volunteer Week 2020 and the overall Community Champion: James (Jimmy) Beale.

- Alice White;
- Alan Brennan;
- Anne Nicol;
- Vivian & Andrew Spliva;
- Deb Cooper;
- Federation Arts & Cultural Committee;
- Federation Council Ageing Well Advisory Committee;
- Federation Youth Councillors;
- Gary & Yvonne Perrin;
- Liz Seeliger;

- Jan Johnstone;
- Maris Berry;
- Mauread Conroy;
- Marj Saines;
- Neville McFarland;
- Sam King;
- Terry Buckley;
- WIRES Federation Volunteers;
- Corowa Girl Guides; and
- Winner: James (Jimmy) Beale.

To wrap up National Volunteers Week, Council staff gave a big wave of appreciation to acknowledge the generous contribution of all our wonderful volunteers across our communities. The photo included with this story is a collage of Council staff.

Visit Council’s Facebook page @FederationCouncil or website www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au for further information.

Portable Speed Board

A new solar powered portable speed board has commenced operation in the Federation Council area.

The board provides real-time feedback to motorists of their vehicle speed and a reminder of the appropriate speed for the road they are travelling on.

Phase one of the operation will see the board located in four towns across the Council area, being Corowa, Howlong, Mulwala and Urana.

The board will be located in Corowa at various locations until the end of September before moving to the next location being Howlong.

Find out more from Council’s website www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

Play Equipment and Park Furniture sanitized

In line with the recent re-opening of playgrounds, all play equipment and park furniture has been pressure washed and sanitized throughout the Federation Council area. When visiting these spaces, please ensure you follow government advice:

- Maintain social distancing (1.5m).
- Practice safe hygiene by washing your hands before and after use.
- Use Outdoor Equipment with caution (wipe down before use, where possible).
- Remember the public gathering rule of no more than 10 people.
- If you are feeling unwell, please stay home to help stop the spread of COVID-19.



Restricted and dangerous dogs will attract annual fees from 1 July 2020

Annual permits will:

- ✓ reduce ownership of high-risk dogs
- ✓ encourage owners to better manage the behaviour of their animal
- ✓ improve community safety
- ✓ reduce dog attacks

Find out more: olg.nsw.gov.au



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